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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Farrakhan charges Jewish conspiracy despite black criticism: Despite a chorus of criticism from traditional black leaders, Nation of Islam's leader Louis Farrakhan recently refused to denounce the controversial comments of one of his top aides. Instead, Farrakhan charged Jewish groups with orchestrating the campaign of criticism as part of a "plot" to divide blacks. The controversy began when the New York Times and then the Washington Post printed excerpts from a two-month old speech by Farrakhan aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad in which he called Jews "bloodsuckers of the black nation." National black political leader Jesse Jackson denounced the speech as "racist, anti-Semitic, divisive, untrue and chilling." His criticism was echoed by several other prominent black leaders who led by Congressional Black Caucus head Kweisi Mfume called upon Farrakhan to disassociate himself from the comments. But the black Muslim leader refused, saying the comments were misinterpreted. As to whether the black leaders were being pressured to criticize Farrakhan by the major media, most denied the accusation with United Negro College Fund head William Gray saying, "Nobody orchestrated my reaction." —NEW YORK, NY.

Blacks are major block of growing U.S. Muslim population: Several recent national surveys suggest that Islam is the fastest growing religion in America. And according to the American Muslim Council, African-Americans make up the largest segment of the growing Muslim population. Approximately 42 percent of all Islamic followers in America are black, 24.4 percent are South Asians, and 12.4 percent are Arabs. The states with the largest Muslim populations are California, New York and Illinois. —LOS ANGELES, CA.

Blacks offered advice on 'Saving & Investing': Spurred by a recent Census Bureau report revealing that the typical white household has accumulated 10 times as much wealth as the typical black household, a group of black financial advisers has compiled a guide showing African-Americans how to build greater wealth by adopting proper saving and investment strategies. The head of the task force, financial planner James Nathan said, "Blacks will never be fully from citizens of this country until we become wealthier citizens." He added, "The lack of wealth - poverty - lies at the root of the vast majority of our problems from crime to deteriorating families." The guide is available to cover handling and budgeting. It is from the non-profit Better Life Club, P.O. Box 29422, Washington, D.C. 20038. According to the Census Bureau, the typical white family had accumulated wealth totaling \$44,000 while the typical black family had only \$4,200 in actual wealth. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

An African American History Month message

February 1994

Greetings to all who are celebrating African American History Month during this important time of renewal and reflection.

America was founded on the principle that we all are created equal, and this solemn commitment to tolerance and freedom continues to bind us as a nation. Our diverse culture enriches and broadens the American experience, of which African American heritage is an inseparable part. It leaves throughout our country's history, profoundly influencing every aspect of our national life.

America has come a long way since the days of "Colored Only" and "White Only" signs, which disfigured our country's landscape. African Americans have made great strides in recent years, commanding leadership positions in the public and private sectors in record numbers. Opportunities for education, advancement, election, and mobility continue to expand among black Americans, and our country is moving ever closer to fulfilling its fundamental promise of equality for all.



Yet many problems continue to plague our communities, tarnishing that ideal of equality. The poverty, drugs, and violence that afflict Americans of all races and backgrounds have severely harmed black children, women, and men, threatening our vision of a better world. Throughout this month, we look to the lessons of our past for solutions to these crises in the hope of building a brighter world for the future.

Many such solutions can be found in the rich history of the African American people. The speeches of Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X, the writings of W.E.B. DuBois, Frederick Douglass, and Sojourner Truth, the powerful literature of Toni Morrison, Richard Wright, Alice Walker, and many others explore the difficulties and joys that pervade the African American experience. By rediscovering and celebrating this wealth of history, we can draw strength from the successes of these great leaders and look forward to a new era of healing and hope.

As we continually strive to embrace the talent and creativity of all of our nation's people, I extend best wishes to all for an exciting, productive month.

Bill Clinton

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Jesse leads break in black covenant

by William Reed

There appears to be a split in the "sacred covenant" between the Civil Rights establishment and the religious-based Nation of Islam. And, Vice President Albert Gore recently joined the fray on the side of Jesse Jackson. Putting the prestige of his office behind Jackson, Gore used the occasion of a speech before a group of prominent New York Jews to condemn Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan for his lack of reputation of his Nation of Islam assistant, Khalid Abdul Muhammad. Gore used an event honoring CBS chairman

Lawrence Tisch, to join a growing list of blacks, led by Jackson, who have spoken out against Farrakhan and Khalid Muhammad.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a former two-time presidential candidate, castigated the remarks of Khalid Muhammad and described Khalid's statements, made at a New Jersey college, as being "racist and anti-Semitic." In January, Jackson then gave an ultimatum to Farrakhan to either disassociate himself from Min-Swer Khalid, or the sacred covenant with the Civil Rights establishment, "will be ended." In an interview with the New York Times, Jackson said he was speaking with the approval of

Rep. Kweisi Mfume, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC); the Rev. Ben Chavis, executive director of the NAACP; former Congressman William Gray, who now heads the United Negro College Fund, and others.

Khalid Muhammad, a national assistant to Louis Farrakhan, is alleged to have said, "these-called Jew, and I must say so-called Jew, are Min-Jew come-lately-Jew, who just crawled out of the caves and hills of Europe just a little over 4,000 years ago. You're not from the original people." These comments were deemed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as "anti-Semitic" and the group carried such excerpts in a page ad in an edition of the New York Times. Muhammad also said that blacks in South Africa should kill all the white women and babies there.

But, many among the nation's blacks are condemning Jackson, not Farrakhan. "Jackson is under a lot of criticism for his comments about the Muslims. Several local black leaders said that the Rev. Jesse Jackson may have undermined his credibility in the black community with his public criticism of a controversial speech by an aide to Minister Louis Farrakhan."



said New York Times. Others, such as Anthony Driggers, an account manager for Washington, D.C.'s black-oriented Capital Spotlight and a Nation of Islam sympathizer, said, "Jackson is just trying to keep his financial base. Farrakhan speaks more about the real feelings for black people than does Jesse Jackson." Groups such as the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) have rec-

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Farrakhan suspends subordinate for making controversial remarks

by Todd Burroughs

Min. Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, announced last week that he has temporarily suspended one of his chief lieutenants during a furor over the aide's remarks in a speech last year.

Khalid Muhammad has been removed from his post as a NOI national assistant, "until he demonstrates he is willing to conform to the manner of representing Allah," said the NOI correctly, Farrakhan said. But he added Muhammad has not been dismissed from the NOI, calling Muhammad a brilliant "stallion" in the group's movement. His statement seemed to be designed to attempt to maintain the fragile coalition between Farrakhan and mainstream civil rights leadership—the "sacred covenant" agreed upon by the Congressional Black Caucus, the NAACP and others during a CBC convention last September.

Farrakhan last week said that Muhammad, in parts of the speech, was not representing the NOI, "but was representing himself." He criticized the tone of Muhammad's remarks, but added they were based in truth.

He said he found some of Muhammad's remarks "vile in manner, repugnant, malicious, mean-spirited" and not in the spirit of Islam. "During the speech, Brother Khalid made remarks that were not consistent with the proper representation of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad,

his teachings and guidance," said Farrakhan in a press conference here last Thursday.

"Remember, those who claim to represent God must be wise and careful of the manner of which you represent," (Continued on page 3)

Sixth Annual Radiothon

On local stations February 12, 1994

by Terhea Washington

February is a busy month as African Americans celebrate a heritage and legacy of Black History. The National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is no exception as the Association prepares to commemorate its 85th year as the Nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. The NAACP birthdate is February 12, 1909 and on this date the Association will sponsor its 6th annual Radiothon.

The NAACP membership Radiothon originated in 1988 as the brainchild of Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. Each year the Radiothon serves as an outreach effort to increase NAACP membership, and heighten awareness of

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President Clinton selects NAACP litigator for civil rights post

by Shirley D. Blash

Speaking from a prepared statement, the president said: "Today, I am proud to nominate Deval Patrick to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. I believe he is uniquely qualified to lead this division." He's been chosen because he has distinguished himself as a lawyer whose wise counsel, keen negotiating skills and mastery at litigation are held in the highest esteem.

"He's fought successfully against discrimination and for civil rights for his entire life, both professionally and personally. He understands that the law is a tool to help real people with real problems," said President Clinton. Patrick was described as that of a young person, who came from a disadvantaged background, but rose above his circumstances to excel academically and professionally. He grew up in a South Side Chicago

neighborhood and was raised by a single parent. Patrick's road out of poverty began with scholarships from "A Better Chance," a program for underprivileged youth, which enabled him to attend Milton Academy, located near Boston.

After graduation from Milton, Patrick enrolled at Harvard College on scholarship. He later won a Rockefeller Fellowship, which led to work through the United Nations with children in the Sudan and Nigeria, in Africa. On his return, Patrick was admitted to Harvard Law School. There, he became president of the Legal Aid Bureau, which provided free legal services to needy residents in the community. After graduating from law school, Patrick chose to practice civil rights law with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, in New York City.

According to a recently published article, supporters describe Patrick as "a polished and expert litigator

who—despite his relative youth—has a breadth of civil rights experience, including in death penalty, fair housing, lending discrimination and voting rights cases."

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference agreed to make a brief statement on the nomination of Patrick—though on short notice—to the NNPA, prior to its deadline. "We wholeheartedly support the nomination," said Mike DeJone, Director of Communications, who further stated, "We think he's an excellent choice and look forward to his confirmation."

In a statement issued after the nomination was announced, Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), said, "I am confident that Mr. Patrick will be vigilant in the enforcement of the nation's civil rights laws. From what I have read about him, it seemed the administration had recruited a very capable and qualified individual."

Rep. Lewis said the nomination

should "quell growing criticism" from civil rights groups of the administration's failure to fill the post during more than a year in office, and he added, "It is important the administration fill this position quickly with a conscientious, experienced and well-trained individual."

As for critics of the nomination, the congressman said, "There are those who would prefer that this position remain vacant. These are the same individuals who are making baseless accusations about Mr. Patrick. These are the people who don't want to see civil rights laws enforced."

Following Clinton's opening remarks, Reno and Patrick also spoke to the selective group of media representatives.

Reno said that Patrick "could have had probably any job he wanted with just about any law firm in America (after graduating from Harvard

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Plainfield residents honored by local church



Rose of Sharon honors Mrs. Hazel Banks and son Howard C. Banks, Jr.

Howard C. Banks, owner of the Professionals by Howard Beauty Salon, Plainfield's oldest house of beauty, and his mother Hazel Patricia Walker Banks, will be the guests of honor this year at the Rose of Sharon's fourth annual Valentine's Love Fest Dinner.

Mr. Banks and his mother are being honored for outstanding contributions throughout the church and their community.

Son of the late Howard C. Banks, Sr., Howard Jr. was born in Plainfield and attended the Plainfield school system. From 1945-1948 he served in the 1st Army Air Corps, in Tuskegee, Alabama. After the war, he joined the Army Corps, was eliminated and Banks served with the Air Force.

When he left the Air Force, he enrolled in Rutgers University, and graduated with a degree in Business. He was employed with Cornell Dubilier Corp. of South Plainfield, for a number of years while attending Chalm School of Beauty Culture in Newark, in the evenings. After graduation from Beauty School, Banks co-owned and managed a number of salons before establishing Howard

Cuiffures in 1960. On October 4, 1976, The Professionals by Howard opened for business.

Through the years Banks has been active in the growth of the Modern Beauticians Association, Inc. He has held positions of Vice President and Booth Chairperson for the MBA Conventions. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield and serves on the Trustee Board.

Mrs. Banks was born in Westfield, on September 23, 1907, and has lived in Scotch Plains and the Plainfield area all her life. She was baptized in the Refuge Church of Christ in Plainfield in 1934, and has been a member ever since.

She married Howard Banks Sr. of Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1925. The couple has three sons, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Banks has traveled to the Holy Land, and have had the honor of receiving communion in the Upper Room. She currently holds the office of Treasurer, which she has held for over 30 years in her church.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner
Manipulative behavior can be destructive

Recently, I told you about a man, who, because of his manipulative behavior and horrible temper, had lost the love of his wife, the support of his kids and the friendship of people who knew him.

He thought that his basic problem was his anger, but it wasn't. His problem was his personal insecurity. It was hard for him to admit the fact that he simply did not like himself. He felt that others were better than he, and hated them for it.

He felt that he was not as articulate as other people. He had no problem with people who were less articulate than he. However, he greatly disliked people who were more articulate than he.

He felt that he was not as "smooth" and sophisticated as some others. He had no problem with people who were less sophisticated than he. He greatly disliked people whom he felt were more sophisticated than he.

You get the idea. He did not get along with people whom he felt were better than he in any category — appearance, education, talent, professional status, or athletic ability. It did not matter what the category was. If he felt inferior to the individual, he would try to set little traps in order to harm that person. He would try to trap that person in an argument. He would criticize that person. He would sabotage that person, so that the person would risk loss of his or her job. It was him against the world (which he hated).

His feelings of inadequacy were so great that he could not control them. He would become extremely angry, if a person would disagree with anything that he said. His constant temper explosions, continuous "tricks" against people and obvious lies made many people despise him. They simply stayed away from him. This distressed and depressed him.

He was a horrible person, and he knew it. He wanted to do something about it, so his goal was to learn to control his anger. But, his anger, just like his, manipulation, disrespect and criticism of others, was not the main problem. It was merely a symptom. The major problem was the fact that he felt inferior to other people. This feeling of inferiority made him strike out at other people. And, this created many enemies for him. He had a low opinion of himself for most of his life.

What is the one thing that he needs? He needs "friends." He needs people around him, to praise him and to give him reassurance. Unfortunately, for him, the people who could possibly reassure him and give him the psychological support that he needs steer clear of him. Little did he know that he was the subject of much negative gossip.

What is the one thing that he chases away? He chases away friends. Interestingly, he looks distinguished in his clothes, so it is easy for someone to accept him, at first. However, he cannot resist "playing games" with anyone who lets him into their life. So, as soon as you get to know him, you realize that he has tricked you, lied to you, lied to others about you, or insulted you. If you are nice, he thinks that you are a sucker.

Life's little instructions

Create a little signal only your spouse knows, so that you can show him/her you love him/her across a crowded room.

Community Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY

IRVINGTON—Irvington Dept. of Health and Welfare presents a Young Fathers Program. Offering Counseling, employment, education, medical/health assistance and much more. Group meets from 12-4 p.m. in the hospital's ambulatory dept. For further information call 201-399-6154.

NOW THRU MARCH 4

POMONA—The Richard Stockton College of Art Gallery presents an exhibit of Art of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours are Monday-Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 27

WATCHUNG—Watching Arts Center presents a "Blast of Color" a dramatic exhibition of varied paintings. The exhibition is on view Monday to Friday from 1-4 p.m. For further information call 908-753-0180.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

WESTFIELD—The Union County Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will hold its monthly meeting at the YMCA, at 7 p.m. For further information call 908-233-6881.

JERSEY CITY—Cornel West, one of America's principle voice of reason and intellect in our nation's grappling with the issue of racism, will speak at Jersey City State College at 3 p.m. For further information, call 201-203-3393.

JERSEY CITY—JCSO's Early Childhood Learning Center presents a lecture on "Parenting: Doing It Alone," speaker will be Janet Klein at 12 p.m. in the Women's center.

MILLBURN—Visit New York museums and galleries via a luxury coach which will leave the park parking lot of Saks Fifth Avenue at 8:30 a.m. Passengers can be dropped off at other museums and points of interest. The coach will

depart from the city at 3:15 p.m. For more info. call 201-273-9121.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

W. LONG BRANCH—African Art Exhibition. 800 Gallery, Opening Reception 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 908-571-3475.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

DUNELLEN—Dunellen Methodist Church is hosting a flea market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Antiques, dig-fired junk and a lunch corner. No early birds. For additional information call 908-968-1869.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

W. LONG BRANCH—Mammouth College Presents Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. 3 p.m. Pollak Auditorium. For ticket information call 908-571-3483.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

WAYNE—WPC presents a comprehensive seminar on "Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement." Seminar runs from 7-8:45 p.m. in the student center room 324-5. Fee is \$75, \$90 per couple.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK—Essex County College will hold an African-American Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Second Level Forum. For more info. call 201-577-3067.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a symposium: Ancient Nubia: Egypt's Rival in Africa" 9 a.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading, "Place Matters" by Cornell West. For more info. call 908-577-1111.



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Commentary from the Rainbow Coalition

Stop the Draconian crime bill

Now is the time for action to stop the unconstitutional Senate-passed \$22.3-billion omnibus crime bill which imposes severe punishments that would do little or nothing to stop violent crimes from communities. These punishments, as proposed by Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT), would further racial discrimination within the U.S. justice system and fail to address the problems in the justice system only contributes to hopelessness in our communities among people who are most often the victims of violent crime. Now is the time to support legislation that will work and set a standard of justice and fairness for our communities.

The Senate-devised so-called anti-crime proposals would: (1) Authorize the death penalty for 50 crimes, (2) require that children as young as 13 years old be tried as adults if they are charged with a federal violent crime, (Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's [D-IL] contribution), (3) Allow secret evidence to be used to deport aliens, (4) require an automatic life sentence for third time convicted felons, including non-violent drug offenses, thefts and property crimes, (5) Expand the use for those involved in "gang activity," a term so broadly defined as to include inner-city boys clubs and informal basketball teams.

Black and Hispanic communities are particularly at risk for the

Senate bill's harsh penalties. To date, 73 percent of the federal death penalty prosecutions have been sought against African-American defendants. Mandatory minimum sentences are currently imposed against black defendants 21 percent more than against white defendants. Mandatory minimum sentences are used against Hispanics 28 percent more than against whites. State prisons are already filled with 48 percent African-American and 14 percent Hispanic inmates. Assuming these proportions continue, the new prisons would house approximately 49,000 additional African-American and 14,000 Hispanic inmates above current levels.

Progressive-minded people who

want to fight crime have an alternative proposal worthy of support. Members of the Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucuses have introduced "The Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform Act" (H.R. 3315). This Bill focuses on crime prevention and improved law enforcement. It provides grants to local governments to implement community policing programs, expand funding for Head Start, requires drug rehabilitation and job training for prisoners, and encourages alternatives to incarceration such as "boot camps." The House Judiciary Committee will hold hearing on Rep. Craig Washington's (D-118-TX) bill in February. The Rainbow Coal-

ition has issued a resolution opposing the Senate's crime bill and is working to gain support for H.R. 3315.

The question is not whether the Congress should pass (any) crime legislation, but what measures should that legislation contain to assure justice and fairness for those most affected by crime. What is clear is that the Senate bill is a horrible non-solution that should be opposed. Our focus now must be to add our voices to the debate over the Senate-passed crime bill, contact your senators and representatives to tell them that you oppose the Senate bill. Urge your representative to co-sponsor H.R. 3315.

McNally calls for elimination of unfunded mandates

IRVINGTON—Irvington Councilman-at-large, Patrick J. McNally is calling for the adoption of proposed amendments to the state and federal constitutions that would eliminate unfunded mandates on local governments. Councilman McNally sponsored a resolution at the January 25, 1994 Irvington Municipal Council Meeting which noted that both the state and federal government have continually imposed costly mandates on local governments without picking up the costs associated with their decrees.

McNally stated, "Local government continues to absorb the high cost of unfunded mandates imposed by Trenton and Washington with little or no regard to taxpayers ability to pay for these programs. Many of us in local government have been speaking out for years about the unfairness of this situation, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. We have no choice, but to support the proposed constitutional amendments that would end this onerous practice once and for all."

Farhankan censors Muhammad

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sent the truth, otherwise our expression will cause people to reject the truth that will save their lives," said Farhankan.

Farhankan's appearance came in the wake of a nationwide furor over Muhammad's speech last Nov. 28 at Kean College in Union, New Jersey. Portions of the speech, in which Muhammad cracked and said Jews a "no good...cracker" and said Jews

were "bloodsuckers" of the black community, were reprinted by the Anti-Defamation League in a full-page ad in the New York Times last month.

Jewish leaders have been pressuring black leaders to distance themselves from Farhankan since the ad was published.

Farhankan's press conference comes a day after ABC Chairman Kweisi Mfume announced the body did not have any formal working ties with the NOI.

Farhankan, blaming the ADL for using Muhammad as a scapegoat to destroy the covenant, said he was disappointed in those black leaders who spoke out against him so quickly

after the ad, but have not also spoken out about the ADL's alleged spying apparatus on the black community.

"The silence of black leaders on this issue is deafening," he said.

Farhankan, who released what he said was a report from the Civil Rights Division of the ADL that discussed how best to combat the NOI, called for a summit of black leaders so that such issues can be discussed in private.

The 12-page document discusses what actions the ADL should take in terms of dealing with Farhankan and the NOI.

"ADL is not going to make Farhankan go away," states the docu-

ment. "What we can and should do is impose an obligation on those who deal with him, or, as in the case of universities, give him a platform."

"In each case, the burden should be on those who give Farhankan some measure of credibility to insist he act responsibly, and put a lid on his bigotry and anti-Semitism," the document asserts.

Jess Hordes, an ADL spokesman, confirmed the identity of the report. "I guess he has good sources," Hordes said of Farhankan. Hordes told the NNPA he was "disappointed, angered but not surprised" by Farhankan's qualified rebuke of Muhammad.

EO PTA Teacher's conference

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange High School Parent Teacher Association announces its regularly scheduled meeting: A State of the School Address will be given by Principal Dr. Stephen Cowan, Winter Open House (conference with teacher) and Art Exhibit.

The event will take place in the auditorium, at 6:30 p.m. Parents can collect their child's report card at 6 p.m.

News at a glance

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Blacks, Hispanics question Clinton's "get tough" crime proposals. While generally backing most of President Clinton's recent "State of the Union" address, members of the Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucuses are questioning the president's "get tough" on crime proposals. Black Caucus head Rep. Kweisi Mfume of Maryland suggested there was too much emphasis on police and prisons and not enough on jobs and social programs. He explained, "Job creation, while it seemingly has fallen off the national agenda, is still at the top of our agenda." The vice-chair of the Hispanic Caucus Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard of California added, "We can't be successful without having prevention as part of it."—WASHINGTON, D.C.

"Whites Only" organ donation prompts legislation. Angered by a request from a white donor that his organs only be transplanted into another white person, a Florida lawmaker is proposing legislation to ban such practices. The request was that of 24-year-old Ku Klux Klan sympathizer Thomas Simmons. Simmons was shot to death by a black teenager during an apparent robbery in 1990. But state senator James Hargett labeled the stipulation "racist." His legislation would prohibit a person from restricting organ transplants based on race, sex and religion. —TALLAHASSEE, FL

Blacks seek ways to protect challenged districts. Black democrats in the U.S. Congress gathered during a recent party conference in Maryland to come up with ways to combat a series of legal challenges to recently drawn predominantly black congressional districts in the South. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that such districts—drawn primarily to increase the odds of a minority being elected—can be challenged as a form of discrimination against whites. Since that ruling, there have been five challenges which are now working their way through the legal system. Rep. Cynthia McKinney's district in Georgia is being challenged. She said of the challenges, "Throughout the South, we're seeing a small group of people continue to try to turn back the clock and send America's minorities to the back of the bus again."—PINEY POINT, MD

White and black forces seek to derail south African elections. White-ruled South Africa is set to have its first multi-racial democratic elections in April. But white and black conservatives are working to derail them. Those elections are expected to lead to African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela being elected the country's first black president. But the racist Afrikaner Resistance Movement has stepped up efforts to boycott the elections and instead organize a "whites only" homeland free from black rule. Also expected to boycott is the Inkatha Freedom Party—a Zulu-based group whose leader Mangosuthu Buthe fears being shut out of power by Mandela. The opposition is expected to produce even more violence in the country which already witnesses 400 political deaths each month. —PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

"Snaps" is no joke

The copy reads "New book 'discovers' America's oldest art form. It should have read, 'new book regresses into pathology that permeates and continues to destroy the so-called hip-hop generation.'"

On the occasion of Black History Month where African descendants celebrate their past accomplishments and reflect on the strengths of their ancestors, the William Morrow Co. publishes a book, "Snaps," on playing the dozens. Morrow and publishers, Percelay, Ivey and Dweck have managed to solicit the endorsements of otherwise thinking people such as Mose Williams, Sinbad and Quincy Jones for their stamp of approval.

The copy reads, "To the hip hop generation, 'your mother' jokes are becoming the rap of comedy. They're funny, they're angry, and they're part of an African-American verbal tradition dating back to slavery."

If this is the reasoning, why not re-institute hanging, and lynching, whippings, in fact, why not just go back to slavery since everyone wants to mimic the pathology which African Americans overcame through much suffering over the last 300 years.

We suggest that young people, parents, teachers, ministers, and all responsible adults start watching carefully what is being perpetrated on your minds. There was a time when sickness, ill-will, and blatant anti-social behavior was not tolerated.

Today this behavior is readily accepted because the young don't know any better, adults are too busy or too lazy to oppose and the instigators are laughing all the way to the bank.

Laughter and music have been used to help refocus your mind. It helps to lighten your load for a moment or two so that you can return to the tasks at hand. Unfortunately, music and comedy are beginning to inflict as much pain and destruction as the hard times you are trying to overcome.

African-American music and humor should remain pure enough to raise your spirits and continue to inspire achievement and progress.

Letter to the Editor

New Jerseyans supporting each other

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, I would like to thank the hundreds of people in Central and North Jersey who shared their time this past holiday season to volunteer at our gift wrap booths at Bridgewater Commons, Garden State Plaza, and Willowbrook Mall.

Our very special thanks also to the management and staff of Bridgewater Commons, Garden State Plaza, and Willowbrook Mall for hosting the wraps, to the many businesses who generously donated supplies, and to the thousands of people who had their packages wrapped. Because of their combined help, nearly \$30,000 was raised to help support both programs and services for people with arthritis and their families, and fund crucial research to find the cause and cure for this serious disease.

We at the New Jersey Chapter are grateful to the people of Central and North Jersey. Their enthusiastic and generous support for this important fundraising project means so much to the more than one million people in our state who suffer from arthritis.

John J. Reck
Chairman, Arthritis Foundation
New Jersey Chapter

CHILDWATCH

by Marian Wright Edelman

Our children are suffering from a preventable plague of violence. Every four hours a black child dies from a gunshot wound. In 1991 homicide was the leading cause of death among black youth between the ages of 15 and 24. Black girls and boys are growing up in an armed society where, as early as the sixth grade, they plan their funerals rather than their futures.

It is up to every member of the black community to say "Enough!" We must collectively work to create a comprehensive long-term strategy to curb this epidemic of violence. In framing our movement, we can draw wisdom and strength from the words of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. In the "Irony of American History," he states:

"Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime. Therefore we must be saved by hope."

Quote of the Week

Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people. Action, self-reliance, the vision of self and the future have been the only means by which the oppressed have seen and realized the light of their own freedom.

—Marcus Garvey

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by Conni Woodruff

Just when East Orange citizens were quietly standing by to see how Mayor Cardell Cooper and his newly elected city council would mend fences between the executive and legislative branches of government, the mayor dropped a bombshell, in announcing that he will be running for Essex County Executive in the June primary.

The announcement was made jointly by Cooper and his political ally, State Senator Dick Cody, who will be the mayor's campaign manager.

Not that it was totally unexpected, because there has been a rumor that Cooper was being primed to run for executive, even before the incumbent executive, Tom D'Alesio was indicted. However, some people thought that an announcement would be closer to the deadline for filing petitions (in May) or after the conclusion of D'Alesio's trial a week or two from now.

So Mayor Cooper is off and running again, saying "this is a campaign about change, about hope, about bringing people together and about making government work for everyone in Essex County."

It will be interesting to see who attends the formal kick-off scheduled for later this month. Cody stated,



by Sharon Khadijah Vincenti

If we study our history, the facts will clearly show the contributions that people of African descent have made to the development of world civilization. In every area—math, art, science and technology, language, arts, music etc.—African people throughout the world have helped to shape

"people all across Essex County have been urging us to continue our efforts to reform county government and politics. We are heartened and energized by the depth and breadth of desire for change..."

Rather than say how they feel personally about the mayor's new plans, many East Orange voters, and some officials are wondering who will succeed Cooper as mayor if he wins the executive post.

Several interesting names have cropped up in the past few days: E.O. city council president Yvonne C. Blake, First Ward councilwoman Beverly K. Williams, former Assemblywoman Quilla Talmadge, Ralph Harris (who lost the primary election to Cooper), and former Commissioner of Community Affairs, Stephanie Bush.

Bush is backing East Orange and has been appointed a city counselor, replacing Ted Stevens, whom Cooper appointed to a magistrate's position.

While the political winds are whirling over the city of East Orange, suburban Republicans are by no means asleep at the switch. On the heels of Cooper's announcement came the announcement of a grassroots effort to "draft" Verona mayor Jim Treffinger as the GOP candidate for county executive.

Cedar Grove mayor, Kevin O'Toole is heading that effort. He stated, "Essex County government is a mess, and what's needed is fundamental reform."

The county's Democratic Party controlled government does not sit too well with suburban voters, complaining that citizens of Essex County pay half a billion dollars a year for county government and get back "almost nothing except scandal and corruption." O'Toole said "Jim Treffinger is the one hope, for real people to do something about the county tax monster."

There is every indication, if Cardell Cooper and Jim Treffinger are the candidates, the campaign will be a classic urban vs. suburban fight to the death.

It makes one wonder how the sides will shape up given the many other factors that could impact on the outcome. A big factor will be how much help Cooper can expect from voters in Newark, where their big political show—the mayor—council elections will be held in May. In the case of any "run-off" the people will have to vote again in June, probably after the primary election.

There is sure to be a jockeying for mayor-council seats in Livingston and the campaign will really heat up if Freeholder Sara Bost becomes a candidate for mayor.

Mike Steele will be so busy fighting Bost, he may not have the time or strength to get out the vote for Cooper, if he's challenged for the primary nomination for county exec.

None of this will make U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg very happy. With all the good stuff going on at the local level, he will be overly interested in the Senate primary? Lautenberg is not expected to be opposed in the primary by any candidate(s) of any significance. But that should be the time he uses to build his campaign forces for the fall election where he will meet the Republican candidate.

But who can worry about Frank when mayor and councilmen, candidates for Democrat and Republican county execs are fighting to survive the primary skirmish and the responsibilities of municipal run-offs loom bigger and bigger?

And somewhere along the line following the primary election county committee people will elect their leaders and their county chairman. John Bost, the GOP chairman in Essex will probably run unopposed but it's a bit hard to surmise that the "reformers" fueling the hopes of Cooper and Cody may also be planning to give them new county chairman to work with next year.

Whoever said politics in Essex County is dull?

Hate is not the answer to our problems

and mold the history and culture of various ethnic groups and people.

The importance of correcting the lies and distortions—that were deliberately put by our oppressors to deny the subjugation and enslavement of millions of African people, and to firmly establish and support the doctrine of white supremacy—is absolutely essential as we work toward the goal of fostering a better understand-

ing, acceptance and constructive relationship among all people.

The desire to correct these historical lies, should not lead to the same mistakes of our oppressors. We have to promote the elimination of personal and national ethnocentrism so that everyone develops an appreciation, respect and tolerance for each other's culture and heritage. The truth can stand by itself, and once uncovered and revealed will help to liberate us all from ignorance and promoting unity.

Any individuals who attempt to use historical facts and data to promote ethnocentrism, hamper the efforts to truly inform and educate people. We can learn from our shared negative experiences in a world dominated by the doctrine of white supremacy, that any group or person who seek to justify views of racial superiority or the denigration of any one's culture or heritage, do a grave disservice to us all. Certainly, they only help to divide people as opposed to bringing about and promoting unity.

I haven't had the opportunity to read or listen to the complete and undistorted text of the speech that Khalid Abdul Muhammad made at Kean College in November. The excerpts of the speech that I have read and heard contain certain stereotypes and generalizations that are offensive and demeaning. The leader of the Nation of Islam, Minister Louis Farrakhan, summarized the speech as being "vile, repugnant, malicious, mean-spirited, and spoken in mockery." I agree with this summation.

In our study of history, we should use our knowledge and information to help people develop a better appreciation and understanding of each other, to learn from past mistakes made in order to hopefully avoid making them again; to raise the consciousness of people so that they can understand how interdependent we truly are. Since scapegoating and race baiting are tactics that our oppressors have historically used against us, and we should reject using them against others. We don't need to emulate the worse behavior of those responsible for keeping us enslaved. We can and must do better.

We shouldn't get caught up in the mainstream media's hysteria and desire to control the black community's reactions and behaviors to this event. Minister Farrakhan has disciplined Khalid Abdul Muhammad. He has been removed from his posts as minister and national spokesperson for the Nation of Islam. This incident should not be used to distort the activity and positive work that the Nation of Islam is involved with in the black community. It will undoubtedly be used by Minister Farrakhan to teach and educate those in the Nation of Islam, particularly individuals serving in a leadership capacity—to learn and grow from this experience.

Hopefully, all will learn that there is no need to stray from the truth. If we act in a principled and disciplined manner, we will help more people grow both spiritually and intellectually without it being at anyone else's expense.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

NEW YORK—Celebrate valentine's Day by creating 3-Dimensional greeting cards at the New York Children's Museum.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

SOMERSET—Raritan Valley Community College presents 'Twist and Twen: Youth and Family Theater. The storyliner uses issues of self-esteem, resolving conflicts, peer pressure and coping to relate to kids. For ticket information call 908-723-3420.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SUMMIT—At the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts "Puppets" Workshop (ages 9-11) a puppet show children will have a chance to manipulate rod, glove, ventriloquist and marionette puppets. The children will then make their own puppet to take home. 3:30-5 p.m. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWARK—African-American History Month Committee Children's Day 9 a.m. on the third level - Yellow Area. For more info, call 201-877-3067.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SOMERSET—The New Jersey Ballet will perform their rollicking version of "Cinderella" with some strange looking sleasheers, at Raritan Valley Comm. College. Time, 1:30-4 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6/41 seats. For information call 908-723-5420.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

SUMMIT—"Metal Work" Workshop (ages 6-9) Learn how to emboss sheets of metal to create raised designs and pictures. All materials provided. 3:30-5 p.m. by the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts. For more info, call 908-273-3420.

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Peace through the eyes of children

NEWARK—The winners of Newark Ironbound's 1993 Peace Poster Contest are: Sylvette Perez, 8th grade, Good Counsel Elementary School, Ana Galvao, 7th grade, Oliver St. School, Arnold Medina, Oliver St. School, Alvin Ting, 8th grade, St. Michael's School, Roman Materna, 5th grade, St. Casimir's School, Enrique Matos, 5th grade, St. Francis Xavier School, Jonathan Rodriguez, 5th grade, St. Benedict's School, Michelle Moura, 5th grade, St. Benedict's School, Judith Ann Ferreira, 3rd grade, Our Lady of Good Counsel Elem., Nafecah Allen, 4th grade, Harriet Tubman School, Stefan Fernandez, 4th grade, St. Casimir's School, Valerie Duru, 1st grade, St. Francis Xavier School, George Solano, Good Counsel High School, Michele J. Vaccari, Good Counsel High School, Sarah Macanilla, Good Counsel High School.

TBS presents Summit '94

NEW YORK—For the fourth consecutive year, TBS Superstation celebrates Black History Month with the presentation of its Black History Month Special *Summit '94*, premiering Saturday, February 26, at 9:50-10:50 p.m. *Summit '94* is a roundtable discussion featuring a panel of diverse and dynamic black leaders. This year's summit will focus on violence in America, while concentrating on the rise of violent acts by and against young people.

Panelists for *Summit '94* include: Charles Alphin, Sr.—Senior Program Associate and Kingdon Non-violence Trainer at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social

Change, Inc.

Dorothy Browne, Dr. Ph.D.—Associate Professor of Maternal and Child Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Lee Brown, Ph.D.—Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Joseph E. Marshall, Jr.—Co-founder and Co-Director of the Omega Boys club of San Francisco.

Evelyn K. Moore—Executive Director and Founder of the National Black Child Development Institute.

James Mtume—Grammy Award Winning Producer, Writer and Jazz Recording Artist.

Joseph L. Phillips—Executive Director of EXODUS, Atlanta's Cities in Schools program.

Brenda Shockley—Executive Director of Community Build, Inc. in Los Angeles.

Violent crimes among America's young people have skyrocketed over 120 percent in the past decade. The severity of the crimes committed by and against young people have also escalated tremendously. Children as young as 13 are being charged in U.S. courts as adults, accused of crimes ranging from armed robbery to murder. Panelists will assess the current situation, offer insight into the nature of the problem and propose some possible solutions during their one-hour dialogue.

Take your parents to school

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Unified Council of PTAs/PTOs and the East Orange School District has declared Friday, February 11 and Monday, February 14 as "Take Your Parents to School Day."

Parents of children in grades K through three, seven, nine and 12 are asked to attend school with their child on Friday. Parents of children in grades four through six, eight, 10 and 11 are asked to attend their child's school on Monday.

Parents will attend classes with their children for the entire school day, and will eat lunch with their children in the school's cafeteria. The program was the unified council's response to the PTA/PTOs leadership's pleas to get more parents involved in the educational process. According to Toni Caldwell, chairperson of Unified Council, "Insuring that our schools work for our children is critical to improving our community."

Applications being accepted for gifted and talented program

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education is accepting applications for admission to the elementary Gifted and Talented Program for the 1994-95 school year. Students enrolled in the program will be transferred to "satellite" schools and attend classes where enrichment and accelerated activities are presented.

To be considered for admission to the program, students must have standardized test scores at least two years above grade level in reading and or math and a record of the student's achievement and teacher, parent and

self inventories.

Vacancy for first through six grade students are limited so applications must be sent in early. Applications are available at all public elementary schools in Newark and should be returned by March 18, 1994. For additional information call 733-6963.

Elementary Schools that are participating in the program are Abington Avenue, Lafayette Street, Maple Avenue, Louise A. Spencer, Thirtieth Avenue and Warren Street Schools.

Explore forestry with 4-H club

WESTFIELD—Teenagers between the ages of 14 - 18 years old, and live in the Union county area, who are interested in plants and trees are encouraged to join the Union County 4-H Forestry Club. There is an opportunity to learn about careers in forestry, take interesting field trips, meet other teens from throughout Union County and learn how to identify, plant, prune and age trees.

The first club meeting will be on Friday, February 11, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension auditorium, 300 North Avenue, East. The club will meet every two weeks until the end of June. To reserve a space, make check payable to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension. For additional information please call James Nichmadowicz, Union County 4-H Agent, at 654-9854.

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Religious Calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
PLAINFIELD—Muhammad's Mosque Study group will have a dedication dinner at 2:30 p.m. at 201 Park Ave. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. \$25 per person.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
PLAINFIELD—Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church presents a three part series on "Things That Matter," in celebration of its 150th anniversary. Speaker will be Dr. Arthur Callender of NY. For further information call 908-756-2668.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
DUNELLEN—Dunellen Methodist Church presents its Shrove Tuesday Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children \$4. For further information call 908-752-7437 or 561-1655.

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Saving investing and building health

by Robert N. Taylor

The U.S. Census Bureau statistically drove home the key point of this week's column when it reported recently that the typical white household in America has accumulated wealth totaling nearly \$44,000. This was over 10 times greater than the wealth accumulated by the typical black household where average wealth stood at only \$4,200. Again, the average white family has 10 times as much wealth as the average black family. And that is the key point of this week's column: Blacks individually and collectively - need to build health. Virtually all problems facing the race either grow directly out of

poverty and lack of wealth or are made worse by poverty and lack of wealth. We will never be fully free citizens of this country until we become wealthier citizens of this country. Here are some recommendations for accomplishing this task:

1. **Either Start A Business Or Invest**—The capitalist America, business ownership is the key to building wealth. With a business, you are able to multiply your earning potential by better than ten-fold. However, most people are not going to start a business, and that is a simple fact. If this is your situation, then the second best thing is to invest in business. This can be done through something as simple as a money-market account or a mutual fund or by directly invest-

ing with someone who is starting a business. Talk with successful friends and your local broker or stock broker to determine which investing or business-building course is best for you.

2. **Save 10 percent of Take-Home Pay**: Fundamentally, building or accumulating wealth starts with mastering the art of saving. You must be able to save a portion of your income. This is the only way you will accumulate money to invest. And the only way you can consistently save is to treat your savings account as a bill and self-care, many needless complications of pregnancy can be avoided. The first issue to consider is the mother's general level of health, as well as her family history of diabetes or high blood pressure. In older women, the demands of a pregnancy can aggravate chronic degenerative conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis or obesity.

To be sure, a man possessed of these qualities would be considered a "caché," worthy of even the most virtuous woman (though, to be honest, the book's language is anything but pious). Yet the problem, as Mr. Jackson and the book's other protagonists are quick to observe, is that such men are difficult to find.

The suitors Savannah has encountered in recent years—Robert, Cedric, Raymond and Kenneth—all seem to be lacking in some way. Moreover, if book sales are any indication, there are millions of African American women who feel exactly the same way. Thus, we come to my dilemma. For as a Christian minister, I resonate with the desire of Savannah's heart. There is something right, something holy about the kind of man she is looking for. Yet, as a man, I must reckon with the fact that to fulfill that longing, I must look to a source greater than myself.

In my ministry as a prison chaplain, one of the things I have sought to redefine in the minds of the men I serve is the meaning of manhood. Having grown up without the influence of an appropriate male role model, many of them have come to understand manhood as something that is achieved at the expense of others.

Within this scheme, strength is seen as synonymous with power, and leadership is realized through the threat of brute force. The result, both inside the prison and without, is a continual jockeying for position with in the homebody pecking order. As noted by the authors of a recent study on the effects of religion in prisons "Prison culture is a youthful. Male 'street' culture, and is in many respects a minor adaptation of urban youthful male street life, with its emphasis on toughness, group affiliation and solidarity, fearlessness, action and gamesmanship."

This linkage of manhood with force and power is not limited to the inhabitants of the inner city. Indeed, to the extent that it is seen within the larger society (witness, for example, the increase in reports of child abuse and domestic violence within suburban communities), the urban prison subculture represents a worst-case

scenario, lacking only the trappings of middle-class living.

The Bible, however, defines manhood differently. The greatest among us, Jesus said will be the servant of all. Why? Because in choosing to serve, one obtains the moral authority to lead. Leadership, you see, is based on belief in the integrity and judgment of another. As such, it cannot be enforced. It must be conferred. In serving, a man seeks his pride and puts his character on display, making himself vulnerable to the scrutiny of others. This self-abasement is not natural, and thus requires the power of the Divine. It is for this reason, as I have told my brothers in the prison, that a man of God must lead from his knees, in humble obedience to God.

I submit that if more men learned to see themselves in this light, the prayers of Savannah and her friends would be answered.

Finally, consider the formation of an investment club with a group of friends. Investment clubs can be very good learn-and-earn vehicles. The guide mentioned above provides help on how to establish an investment club. This could be a very safe way to realize wealth-building dreams

those who are most intelligent, most beautiful or even most deserving, but to those who are most driven by clear goals and high levels of motivation. You must be driven to take a chance. Remember, if you keep doing what you have been doing, you will keep getting what you have been getting. If you are satisfied with that, fine. But if you want more for yourself and your family, you have got to do something new. Invest to build wealth.

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Health Calendar

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Center holds free blood testing, and offers WIC program vouchers to qualifying families. from 10-11:15 a.m. Walk-ins are welcomed.

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY

IRVINGTON—Free Baby Clinic every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT. Irvington General Hospital, 399-6652. Newborns 8-5 years old.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

PRINCETON—The Newbridge Community Outreach Center presents a symposium on "Assessment of Learning Disabilities in the Workplace." The symposium runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SOUTH ORANGE—Free vision and financial screenings will be given from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. by appointment only, at Northern NJ Eye Institute, 71 Second St. 201-763-2020.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HACKENSACK—Learn to make anger work for you in a positive way. Workshop offered by Rena Grasso, Ph.D. will be offered at Bergen Tech's Career Center, 200 Hackensack Ave. Hackensack, NJ. \$25.00 fee. Scholarships available for eligible participants. 201-343-6000, ext. 275-989.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SOUTH ORANGE—Northern NJ Eye Institute offers free contact surgery for people who have no insurance and are unable to pay for contact surgery. For further information call 201-763-2203

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Creating healthy babies requires good health

by Drs. Jackie Williams and Gail Christopher

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With increased career opportunities and economic demands, many women wait until they reach their later twenties, thirty, sometimes even forties to decide to have their children. Most fears about pregnancies after age 35, however, are exaggerated. The overall health and wellness of the mother are more important than age factors. Specific procedures like amniocentesis, CVS (chorionic villi sampling) and ultrasound, can determine the health of the fetus. Your physician can help you determine when, or if such procedures are needed.

Black History Calendar

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

Warner Brothers presents A Tribute To Ray Charles. A one-hour world premiere television special. Check local listings.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

NEWARK—Carolyn Thornburn, director of the black studies program at Upsala College, will be speaker at UMDNJ's Black History celebration in room C1. For further information call 201-982-7278.

EVERYDAY

JERSEY CITY—Hail Hall presents an exhibit of African-American art at the Rose Creations Gallery of Jersey City. For further information, call 201-547-5811.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MAHWAH—Rampage College's Spring Lecture series presents a lecture on the importance of the black church in the lives of African Americans. Speaker will be Rev. Herbert Daughtry, ordained civil rights leader and activist. For further information, call 201-529-7593.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

EDISON—MCC presents a Blues performance by Dr. Blues in 12 noon - 1 p.m. in the college center.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MAHWAH—Rampage College's Organization of African Union presents a lecture with Wayne Thornburn, Ph.D., president of the African-American Role Model Association. Thomas will speak on the crisis of the black male in America today. Event begins at 8 p.m. in the student center room 138. For further information, call 529-7593.

NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey State Bar Association presents an art exhibit featuring the works of prominent black artists. A reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. For further information call 958-249-5000.

WAYNE—WPC NAACP chapter will hold its semi-annual Black at 8 p.m., midnight, in the student center ballroom.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Preconception counseling

Plan ahead and seek the input of your physician before you decide to have a baby. With appropriate knowledge and self-care, many needless complications of pregnancy can be avoided. The first issue to consider is the mother's general level of health, as well as her family history of diabetes or high blood pressure. In older women, the demands of a pregnancy can aggravate chronic degenerative conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis or obesity.

Psycho-social or environmental issues must also be considered. How does the mother's life change? How will the decision impact your social behaviors and key relationships? After the mother's health has been addressed—holistically—it's important to consider some issues with the

father. Both parents contribute equally to the formation of this new life. Family history, health habits and the overall readiness of both parents should be reviewed. Issues like drug use (prescription and non-prescription), sexually transmitted diseases and environmental stresses can, and should, be discussed with your doctor.

Pregnancy and Fibroids

Uterine fibroid tumors are of special concern to African-American women. As women wait longer to have children, fibroids have more time to develop. If you have been told that you have uterine fibroids, or if there is a family history of such tumors, be sure to discuss this with your doctor before you conceive.

The elevated hormones of pregnancy cause fibroid tumors to grow rapidly. They often outgrow their blood supply and start to break up or degenerate during the pregnancy. While not harmful to the developing baby, this process causes severe, sometimes debilitating pain for the mother. There are several options for reducing the risk associated with fibroids. Sometimes they can be removed via a relatively simple hand-outpatient surgical procedure known as laparoscopy. Sometimes they can be reduced in size by using medication, and then removed surgically. Uterine fibroid tumors can be removed without performing a hysterectomy (or removing the uterus). Many women have fibroids treated

and go on to have healthy babies.

Nutrition or dietary habits are critically important to both the baby and the mother's health before, during, and immediately following pregnancy. Individualized nutritional health assessment and counseling can help you identify your special needs and offer personally relevant guidelines. The issue of low birth weight, a complication that is associated with infant mortality and morbidity, is reduced (if not eliminated) when the right nutrients are consumed and utilized by the mother. Strict vegetarians, women with chronic obesity, or persons using medication for other diseases like asthma or diabetes, need to pay special attention to the increased nutritional demands of pregnancy.

High quality, holistic prenatal care can help you identify and solve related concerns about occupational risks, the effect of birth control methods, medication use, dietary concerns and general health and/or stress. Pregnancy is a time for teamwork; the mother, the father, the family and the health care practitioner are all part of a large community effort that is required, in order, we are more likely in perpetuating the health and well-being of our children.

Dr. Jackie A. Williams is a noted Obstetrician and Gynecologist. Dr. Gail C. Christopher is a Naturopath, clinical nutritionist, and health writer who has been providing holistic health services to Chicago area residents since 1975.

Black Bible Chronicles: From Genesis to the Promised Land

NEW YORK—The Black Bible Chronicles, written by P.K. McCary is now available on audio cassette, narrated by actor Ben Vereen. This nationally distributed audio package consists of two abridged cassettes, digitally mastered, with a total playing time of three hours.

In an effort to revitalize the language of the Bible and stimulate young people's interest in its teachings, McCary developed Black Bible Chronicles based on her experiences as a Sunday-school teacher, who was daughter and granddaughter to Baptist ministers. By bringing the Bible to life in language that ranges from simply contemporary to urban street slang, McCary breaks

through the barriers of Eurocentric language and culture, posed by more traditional versions in order to reach a diverse generation.

McCary is a proponent of relevant and meaningful interpretation of the Bible, because she wants to make it relevant to the greatest messages on earth: "If we love each other like Jesus loved us, everything works out. I want to reach them and tell them that God is cool and that it's OK that God is cool. I want them to slap five, figuratively, with me on a daily basis. I want them to know that 'cool, too.... Once they discover that faith sustains us, their problems won't seem insurmountable."

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HOBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson county presents the showing of *Stepping Razor*—Red K, the life, music and violent death of Reggae artist Peter Tosh. For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NEW YORK—Jazz At Lincoln Center and The Film Society of Lincoln Center presents the season's final Jazz on Film program, *A Handful of Keys* at 8 p.m. at Walter Reade Theater. For tickets call Center Charge at 512-721-6500.

MONTCLAIR—Montclair Art Museum presents the showing of *The Tune*, the story of a struggling would-be songwriter who is given 47 minutes to write a smash hit or be fired. For further information call 201-746-5555.

FEBRUARY 11&12

MONTCLAIR—Trumpets Restaurant and Jazz Club presents Houston Person and Elton Jones in concert. For reservation and information call 201-746-5100.

VALENTINE'S DAY

WAYNE—WPC hosts a music festival with a concert by the NJ Music Ensemble and the NJ Percussion Ensemble. The concert will be at 8 p.m. in the Shea Center admission is free. For additional information call 201-595-2371.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NEW BRUNSWICK—Single Mingle Night at Crossroads Theatre Company. *And The Winner Laughs With You*. A sensitive drama of hope for the future. Black History Month Presentation. For more info, call 908-248-5260.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2-4 p.m. Carrie Smith-Jazz Song Society, 211 South Arlington Avenue.

FEBRUARY 22 & 23

HOBOKEN—Projected Images presents the showing of *Dazed and Confused*. For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

MONTCLAIR—Montclair Art Museum presents a showing of *Household Saints*, a mystical bible based on the novel by Francine Prose. For further information call 201-746-5555.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents a Black History Month Concert, 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-595-6550.

The Scoop

An in-depth interview with Lola Falana. Part one of two.

by Janice Malone

Lola Falana. Just the mention of her name tugs it all. She had it all—fame, fortune, beauty and talent. But whereas it took her years to acquire them, they literally disappeared overnight when she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

MS is a crippling disease that attacks and destroys the protective sheath around nerve fibers, with no known cure. But, this story has a happy ending because Falana no longer has MS. Today, she looks as youthful, sweet and beautiful as she did during her years as a top Las Vegas entertainer. But, according her, that Lola is dead and gone, as she will explain later. She was in Dallas recently to perform at a Martin Luther King/Black History Month event. The show was a near sell-out. Fans still want to see her perform and she did not disappoint them. Looking drop-dead gorgeous, in gown and heels, she had the crowd on its feet, as they witnessed a person who is a walking miracle. A few hours prior to the

show, Lola talked exclusively with "The Scoop" about her miraculous return to life.

The Scoop: You look as if you've never had any type of illness, not even the flu. How do you account for this recovery?

Lola: (she smiles). It's simple. It's God. I didn't give myself any of my gifts—I'm just a user of the gifts. When I wake up every day my first thought is, daddy (that's God), what can I do for you today?

The Scoop: What's your life been like over the last year or so?

Lola: It's been good. I now live in Philadelphia, where my family lives. I moved out of Las Vegas. Completely retired from that life. That's all over, completely passed. I've been mostly lecturing at churches, schools, women's organizations, wherever. I really enjoy working with the public causes too. I still talk with a lot of entertainers. Some are just acquaintances but there are others who will always be my true friends.

The Scoop: How long have you been healed of MS and how did it happen?

Lola: I've been healed since 1988.

I've had no recurrences of the disease at all and there will be none. The MS gradually took its toll over a six- to seven-year period. It was disintegration of my strength and whatever control I had of my muscles. Little by little, the entire left side of my body, from head to toe, was paralyzed. My left shoulder and hip fell out of their sockets, my left jaw dropped, my tongue was paralyzed, as were my left side facial muscles. I was totally helpless. If there was no one to help me, I had to crawl on my stomach in order to get around my house."

The Scoop: What did the doctors say?

Lola: I had three, sometimes four, doctors and they all told me there was nothing in this world that could help me. There's no cure for MS and that I would only get worse because the disease is degenerative and this my life's sentence. After hearing that, I knew it was my cue to let "the world" go. After 15 days of enduring the illness, I saw a vision of the Virgin Mary. I knew that I would be healed. I'm Catholic and all of my life I had believed in God, in my prayers, that God allowed me to have MS, in order for me to be re-made over again and totally submit myself and my life to his will.

The Scoop: Was the healing overnight or gradual?

Lola: It took about a year and a half, with some relapses here and there. You see, I had to work on my faith. I knew if I had the faith of a mustard seed—that was pure faith, then I would be totally healed. I was so well prepared in faith, that God gave me a complete miracle healing.

The Scoop: After the healing, what was it like returning to the stage?

Lola: The MS struck me in 1987 and I went back on stage in 1988 in Las Vegas twice. It was mostly out of the public's demand. And it was also done so that people could see that I was walking and singing again. But I wasn't nearly ready, physically nor emotionally. So much was taken away, but yet so much was given. After I performed that second time, I knew that I wouldn't perform again until God was ready for me to do this. This event here in Dallas is the first time that I've performed since then. But, I've had no real desire to perform, even though I've had plenty of offers. The love for show business isn't there within me anymore. That person who used to be concerned with the vanity of my career, my wealth, my fame, is now gone forever.

Black Creativity Triumphs Against The Odds

NEW YORK—The period of the 1920s and 30s known as the Harlem Renaissance, encompassed an extraordinary outburst of creativity by African-American visual artists. Racial prejudice and segregation, however, not only kept them out of mainstream museums and galleries where they could show and sell their art, but threatened the very core of their personal artistic expression.

The little-known story of this daring group of visual artists is told in *Against The Odds: The Artists Of The Harlem Renaissance*, a one-hour documentary premiering Wednesday, February 16 at 10 p.m. ET on PBS. (Check Local Listings) Creating a colorful mosaic of art and history, the program combines the stunning, original works of dozens of visual artists of the era; rare archival footage of the artists at home, in their studios, and at exhibitions. First-person accounts by three surviving artists—Lois Mailou Jones, James Wells, and Allan Crite; and interviews with authors Arnold Rampersad (*The Life of Langston Hughes; Arthur Ashe's Days of Grace*) and David Levering Lewis (*When Harlem Was In Vogue; W.E.B. DuBois: The Biography of a Race*), as

well as art historians and curators.

Against The Odds was inspired by an exhibition at The Newark Museum that brought together, for the first time in over half a century, more than 130 paintings, prints, photographs, and sculptures by black artists who worked under the auspices of the William E. Harmon Foundation.

Against The Odds raises fascinating issues that are still hotly debated today: Is there an identifiable

"black art"? Should artists of color be expected to express racial identity in their art? What happens when artists become political message bearers? When does a generous patron become a benevolent censor? And what kind of compromises do artists make to adapt to the marketplace? Ultimately, *Against The Odds* is a story of triumph—a celebration of the power of personal expression to overcome prejudice and discrimination.



Sculptor Augusta Savage (1892-1982) started her own school for aspiring artists in Harlem, but ended her career in seclusion and despair.

Photo Courtesy of the National Archives

Splendid Framing to host exhibition of Caribbean art



PLAINFIELD—Splendid Framing will host an exhibition of Caribbean art by artist Ariene J. Case in her first exhibit in central New Jersey. The exhibit, entitled "Sharing the Poetic Vision," will open Friday, February 18, with a reception from 6 - 9 p.m., and will run for three days. The public is invited to meet Case on either days: Friday night, 6 - 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 20, noon - 6 p.m. Splendid Framing is located at 190 East Front Street. For further information call 908-754-0202.

William Henry (1901-1970) was critically acclaimed but died in poverty nonetheless; more than a thousand of his paintings were donated to the National Museum of American Art in Washington.



Regina Belle in concert

NEW YORK—Columbia recording artist Regina Belle is back on tour this winter in support of her sultry album, *Passion*. The tour began on January 15 and will continue through March. On February 18 Ms. Belle will be performing at the John Harms Theater in Englewood, New Jersey, and at the Empire State Convention Center in Albany NY on February 19.



Blue Chips

NEW YORK—Shaquille O'Neal and Antwone "Penny" Hardaway are not only stars on the basketball court, they're also co-starring in the motion picture *Blue Chips* starring Nick Nolte.

Blue Chips brings O'Neal and Hardaway together with top Hollywood stars and many basketball figures of today, yesterday and tomorrow. "This was a great opportunity for me to see if I'm a pretty good actor," comments O'Neal, "and you learn a lot from a guy like Nick Nolte."

Pete Bell (Nick Nolte) is head coach of the Western University Dolphins, former national champions who have slipped out of the national rankings in recent years. Under pressure, Bell and the school's athletic director begin a search for players who can turn their ailing program around.

O'Neal plays Neon Bodeaux, a *Blue Chip* discovery from New Orleans, but the basketball turned-film star admits "I'm basically playing me. Neon is the kind of guy who works hard and doesn't want favors. That's the way I am in life. I just have a different name in the movie."

"I'm sure in every city there's a park legend who could play on the NBA level," he concedes.

"We were playing very hard," recalls Hardaway. *Blue Chips* is the first film to have this much basketball talent on the floor at one time."

While the casting of O'Neal was an easy call, the selection of Hardaway to play Butch McCrae, a sought-after student-athlete from Chicago, proved more challenging.

"We held open auditions for actors and basketball players in cities all around the country," says basketball coordinator Rob Ryder. "We sent tapes of the best ones back to Billy in L.A. but nobody was quite right. Then we saw a photo of Antwone. He certainly had the right look for the part: clean cut, youthful. We knew he could play basketball but we didn't know if he could act."

Hardaway observes that basketball and acting have some of the same rules: "Don't be uptight. Don't worry about the people in the stands; don't worry about the people around the set. On the basketball court the coach wants you to give 100 percent—in acting they want you to give 100 percent."

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Sugar Hill: the past and the present

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Business Calendar

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PENNSAUKEN—"A Reception for Entrepreneurs to Meet Local Venture Capitalists." Sponsored by the South Jersey Entrepreneurs Network. Call (609) 664-8877 for time and location.

MONDAYS THRU FEBRUARY 28

PARAMUS—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar "Excel: entrepreneurial training program. Are You an Entrepreneur?" and *Start Right! Build Right!* From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for further information call 908-707-0173.

TUESDAYS THRU MARCH 22

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEW BRUNSWICK—"The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will sponsor a state seminar for the public on State and Federal Income Tax, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center. For further information call 1-800-FREE-TAX-1000."

BRIDGEWATER—Small Business Council presents a seminar on Health Care Issues, 8 a.m. at the Bridgewater Commons. Cost is \$10 for non-members and first-time guests, \$20 for non-members. For further information call 908-725-1552.

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PENNSAUKEN—"Fourth Annual South Jersey Venture Ideas Fair. Sponsored by the South Jersey Entrepreneurs Network. Call (609) 664-8877 for time and location."

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Report: Changes in the status of African Americans 1980 - 1990

TRENTON—"New Jersey's African-American residents appear to be making decisions similar to those of their white counterparts, albeit at a slower pace, to move beyond the urban core of the northern counties in pursuit of residential opportunities in more suburban areas of the state. This development is likely to result in increased tension between racial groups in suburban settings." This was a statement published in the New Jersey Public Policy and Research Institute's (NJPPRI) 12th Annual Report, which is entitled "African-Americans and the 1990 Census." The report was written by NJPPRI president Richard Roper, and takes a "hard" look at whether African-Americans are any "better off" than they were in 1980. NJPPRI will distribute the text statewide to libraries, schools, community based organizations, state and federal related agencies, the legislature, mayors and freeholders.

Differential use of courts by minority and non-minority groups

TRENTON—A study recently conducted for the New Jersey Supreme Court Task Force on Minority Concerns was released, based on differences in the usage of the courts and legal system by minority groups and non-minority groups. A three-page Executive Summary of the research, entitled "Differential Use of Courts by Minority and Non-Minority Populations in New Jersey," appears in the front of the study.

The study represents the final piece of research conducted for the Task Force. When the Task Force's Report was released in August 1992, it noted that the study on court usage was begun in 1989 and was still under way. In August 1992, the Supreme Court announced its intention to establish a permanent committee to succeed the Task Force. In August 1993, after a period for public comment and study of the Task Force's recommendations, the Court approved the Task Force Report. At that time, Chief Justice Robert Wilentz, on behalf of the Court, appointed Harold W. Fullilove, a Superior Court Judge sitting in Essex County, as the Chair, and Severiano Lisboa III, a Superior Court Judge sitting in Hudson County, as the Vice-chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns. The rest of the Committee is expected to be named this winter.

In its place is the new "Sugar Hill."

Sugar Hill, the movie, is a South Street Entertainment Group Production of a film by Leon Ichaso. This movie, a product of the Twentieth Century Fox Company, is a real and brutal history of what could have been the first black "hood."

It is a \$15 million saga about young black men from urban communities, haunted by violence, living on an edge of relentless fear, young men with big bank accounts and ulcers. Written by Barry Michael Cooper, who wrote *New Jack City*, *Sugar Hill* is about redemption, love and the price two brothers are forced to pay to fulfill their destinies, in a high stakes game for control of the streets they rule.

Sugar Hill is a black-produced film that stars Wesley Snipes as Roemello Skuggs, the godfather of a Harlem crime empire fighting to break free of the world he created, before it destroys him and his family. Snipes' *Sugar Hill* hood is like so many "hoods" in America today, one of drugs, violence, crime and lack of hope.

The black producer of the film, Rudy Langlais, points out that

his products directed to the young people in our society. He thinks that the film can be a hit with young movie-goers, because it is a reality-based story which illustrates both sides of street life.

It shows that the strong-willed do survive and that the streets take a toll on young victims. Snipes says this story typifies what so many young African-American men experience in major cities throughout the country. Our youth have become casualties in the war to survive on the streets of Boston, Detroit and Harlem's "Sugar Hill."

"It's about the quicksand effect of the drug business—and of ghetto life—period," says Snipes, who added, "It's about trying to climb out of a hole to rise up to a certain level, and getting sucked back down."

It's about getting paid, for producer Langlais. A former journalist, Rudy Langlais provided black newspaper publishers with an advance showing of *Sugar Hill* in Charleston, South Carolina.

The movie opens in 400 of the nation's over 2,000 movie houses on February 25th. Langlais is counting on hundreds of young, and old, blacks to

view the movie in its first two weeks, so that *Sugar Hill* will be picked up by a greater number of theaters. The rule of thumb in the moving picture industry is that a film is considered successful if it makes

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A salute to black entrepreneurs

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The conference, scheduled to be held at the Washington Convention Center on February 16 and 17, and entitled, "Global Communications: Connecting With the Future," is designed to bring together thousands of current and aspiring entrepreneurs to promote black business enterprises.

On Wednesday, February 16,

the conference will begin with a Business-to-Business Expo, which will provide as excellent forum for participants to showcase and market their products and services to Fortune 500 firms such as AT&T, MCI, EDS, Kodak, Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola, Motorola, government agencies, minority business enterprises and universities.

Thursday will begin with a variety of seminars focusing on topics such as communications growth markets, contracting with the federal government, and strategies for international business. There will be a Mid-Day Networking Reception of participants and seminar presenters which will be followed by a business Forum.

The forum will consist of a nationally recognized panel of experienced business people and entrepreneurs. The panelists will discuss viable solutions for challenges that black businesses will face as global economy continues to take shape. This forum will be sponsored by Black Enterprise Magazine and the National Black Business Council, Inc.

The Chrysler Corporation will receive the Corporate Minority Business Advocate Award, for investing more than \$300 million in 264 black owned businesses in 1993. Walt Disney will receive the Corporate Community Service Award for their strong efforts in helping to rebuild Los Angeles, after the riots and more.



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The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, Long Branch, NJ offices and: James C. Anderson Associates, Inc., 907 Pleasant Valley Avenue, My. Laurel, NJ 08054 (609)722-6700 offices.

Copies may be obtained at the office of The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch located at Garfield Court Administration Building, Rockwell Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740 upon payment of \$75 for each self-contained unit.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a guarantee payable to the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, the BIDDER shall enter into contract therefor, and shall furnish a Performance Bond (100%) and a Material and Labor Bond (100%). The Proposal guarantee shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) up to \$200,000 and five (5%) anything over \$200,000 of the bid, and shall be given, at the option of the BIDDER, by certified check cashier's check or Bid Bond.

The surety company for Bid Bond and the surety company for the Performance and Payment Bonds must be licensed in NJ State and must be approved by the Board of the Treasury.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

DAVID A. BROWN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

The Newark Board of Education is requesting proposals for consultant service to enhance and expand a fourteen point Multicultural Program, as part of the Districts Multicultural Curriculum. The Newark School District is the largest in the state of New Jersey. It serves approximately 48,000 students in 84 facilities.

Request for Proposals should be addressed to: Ms. Linda Armino Senior Buyer Newark Board of Education 2 Cedar Street Newark, NJ 07102 (201) 733-7053.

All request must be submitted no later than February 10, 1994. Direct all inquiries to Mr. Fred McCarthy at (201) 733-8185.

By order of: The Board of Education of Newark
In the County of Essex
Paul J. O'Donohue
Executive Director of Purchasing

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of Dover will accept proposals for architectural engineering services, for various projects funded under 1993 comprehensive improvement assistance program (CIAP). Qualifications require an architectural engineering license and approval by US Department of HUD. Contractual agreement form HUD-51915 will be the instrument used to govern final award.

The projects funded must comply with the 504 REGULATIONS. projects are as follows: Redesign front entrance
Relocation and redesign of office space, Rehabilitation of one (1) apartment, Elevator rehabilitation, Public rest room rehabilitation, Renovation and upgrade, of community room kitchen facilities.

For additional information contact the Housing Authority at 215 East Blackwell Street, Dover, New Jersey 07801 (201) 361-8444.

Proposals must be submitted on or before February 24, 1994.

KATHLEEN E. LYNCH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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NOTICE FOR ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem is inviting submittals from professional Architectural/Engineering firms regarding HUD funded 1993 Comprehensive Grant Program (CGR) Improvements. The scope of work includes Barrier Free Apartments and Renovations, Sewer Improvements, Office Remodeling/Expansion, Electric Improvements, Exterior Doors, Water and Hot Water Improvements, and Site Improvements at various locations. The scope of services includes: Preparation of plans and specifications; Assisting the Authority in awarding bids; Inspection of construction until completion.

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| 1. Professional and Technical experience | 3 |
| 2. Capability to provide services in a timely manner. | 2 |
| 3. Past performance in terms of cost control, quality of work and performance schedule. | 3 |
| 4. Knowledge of local building practices. | 2 |
| 5. General response to the invitation. | 1 |

All submittals shall include evidence that the Architect/Engineering Firm is licensed in New Jersey and certification that the Firms principals or staff have not been disbarred or suspended from practice by any Federal, State or Local Agency. Interested firms should respond by 10 AM, February 14, 1994 to Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director, Salem Housing Authority, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079.

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RUTH O. GROSS, PHM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

LEGAL NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking professional service of Independent Public Accountants to perform audit services of the Authority's public housing program, modernization program, Section 8 program and Drug Elimination program.

The Authority consists of 470 units of conventional housing, 151 Section 8 certificates, and 25 Section 8 vouchers. The Authority has modernization funding in excess of \$7 million. The audit period will be from October 1, 1992 to September 30, 1993. All respondents must be familiar with public housing and HUD accounting.

Please submit proposals outlining a lump sum fee to Mr. Lawrence R. Jackson, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than February 18, 1994.

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HOUSING/IRVINGTON AUTHORITY INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Irvington Housing Authority will receive sealed bids to furnish & deliver fuel oil #2 and #4 at various housing complexes at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 1994 at 624 Nye Avenue, Irvington New Jersey 07111, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid conference will be held on February 28, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at Nye Avenue Irvington, New Jersey.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are available at the offices of the Irvington Housing Authority 624 Nye Avenue, Executive Office.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the Irvington Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bond (s) or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid, not to exceed \$20,000.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127. Interested Qualified bidders are invited to bid on all or a portion of IHAS fuel and requirements as broken down in bid package. The Irvington Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid appearing the Irvington Housing reserves the right to re-bid. The Authority reserves the right to award all or a portion of award to one or more responsible bidders.

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PATRICIA WESTON RIVERA
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ADVERTISEMENT RFP NO. P 94-1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR NEW ROOFS AT ARCADIAN GARDENS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is seeking consultant services of a firm to provide professional services for Removal of Existing Roof and Installation of new Modified Bitumen Roof at Project NJ 50-2, Arcadian Gardens in the City of East Orange.

The professional services desired are divided into three (3) phases; Construction Documents Phase, Contract Award Phase, and Construction and Guarantee Phase.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for February 10, 1994 at 11 AM, at the office of the Authority located at the above address not later than 2 PM, February 23, 1994.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposals.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the receipt of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of East Orange.

For further information or questions please call Mr. Frank Kardan, Director of Modernization at (201)678-0251.

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HARRY B. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications are available at the offices of the Irvington Housing Authority 624 Nye Avenue, Executive Office.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the Irvington Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bond (s) or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid, not to exceed \$20,000.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127.

Interested Qualified bidders are invited to bid on all or a portion of IHAS fuel and requirements as broken down in bid package. The Irvington Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in the event that less than (2) bids are received at the designated time of bid appearing the Irvington Housing reserves the right to re-bid. The Authority reserves the right to award all or a portion of award to one or more responsible bidders.

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BY: PATRICIA WESTON RIVERA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK is seeking proposals from qualified Medical Doctors and Medical Clinics to perform Pre-Employment physicals on prospective employees. Interested doctors or clinics can obtain the "General Scope of Services" for this service from the Authority's Contracts Division, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103. Request for Proposal (RFP) No. P0144-1. Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate in one envelope containing both the technical proposal, and cost data. The outside of all envelopes shall be clearly marked "Pre-Employment Physicals".

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any informalities in the proposals. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the due date of the proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark. A Pre-Proposal/Meeting will be held on March 2, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Mr. Bohannon (below) for location. The Housing Authority reserves the right to open any and all proposals if less than two (2) proposals are received. Proposals will be received until 10 a.m. on March 16, 1994.

Proposals shall be submitted to:

Jose Martinez, Contracting officer
Contracts Division
Housing Authority of the City of Newark
57 Sussex Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103
For further information, contact Levi Bohannon, Department of Personnel, telephone number 201-430-2580.

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BY: HAROLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Business In The Black

Learn to be lean not mean, but move it

by Charles E. Belle

Restructuring, downsizing or just plain firing folk will not improve anyone's business, unless it is done in a constructive manner. Nevertheless, a constructive life or business plan is "built of the things we do — not of the things we don't do," wrote Garrett Robert, author and entrepreneur.

"Yoda" in the Empire Strikes Back "tells Luke Skywalker about the 'force,'" when he says, "Like, there's no try, there is either do or not do." There are at least four interior hurdles that successful people must face with personal forcefulness.

Radiothon

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NAACP programs and initiatives such as: "Goods For Guns," ACTSO and Voter Education in South Africa.

The NAACP currently boasts a membership of more than 610,000. However, Dr. William F. Gibson said: "As an organization, we have long understood that numbers are raw, untapped grassroots power. And power influences what we do. . . what others can do to us. That is the reason why our goal is to raise our membership from the current 610,000 to over one million."

The theme for this year's Radiothon is "Don't Stand on the Sidelines Come Home to the NAACP Join Today!"

The Honorable Nelson Mandela, President, African National Congress; Henry "Hank" Aaron, former professional baseball all-star; Frank Bellotti, President, CEO/American Favorite Chicken; and Susan Taylor, Editor, Essence Magazine; are honorary Chairpersons for Radiothon 1994. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Executive Director and CEO, NAACP commented: "We are excited about the opportunity this national program gives us to reach millions of people in a concentrated effort and encourage them to join us in the struggle for economical, educational, and environmental equity." With over 2,500 NAACP adult, youth, and college chapters and more than 79 prison

They are fear and resistance, surrender, tentative acceptance and advocacy, according to studies by the universities of Michigan and Vanderbilt. The fear of losing control as people reporting to you expand beyond your ability to keep track of them is one.

Many American manufacturing companies had in the past allowed too many layers of people reporting to the boss. Thirty is too much. 10 to too few for most managers.

If there is not the resistance to have too many, then there is the resistance to having fewer reports to you. Surrendering the authority to make independent decisions to underlings

is a big problem for too many people. Practice being a coach, rather than an overlord. Others will work hard if they have a say in the decision-making process.

Make training programs a part of your everyday life, where you can give up authority for individual projects completely, not tentatively as delegated in one of a dozen too many meetings.

Don't stop with yourself in yielding authority. Instead be an advocate for your subordinates to submit their authority to people underneath them.

This may seem more difficult if you have a partner. But remember, the only reason you have a part-

ner is because it is too difficult to go it alone. The written agreement between you two must also be committed to a plan. Stay focused. Re-evaluate and communicate every step of the way.

Always have a timetable with some point to stop to review the scope, structure and duration of the partnership; you must both be able to change.

But, not too fast. Trust is the key. Partners must know each other well. Partners, managers, and even employees, must think like owners. By breaking up tasks into small units, so that each person can play an important part, prosperity is more likely for any business.

Registration for Baseball leagues

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Youth Baseball League and the Plainfield Babe Ruth Baseball League co-sponsored by the Plainfield Division of Recreation has set Saturday, February 12 and 19 as registration dates for the leagues.

The registration site will be held at Maxon School cafeteria, and will be open from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. The league is for Plainfield

residents ages eight through 15. Tee-Ball instruction will be available for children ages six and seven. All players must be registered to be eligible for participation during the 1994 baseball season.

Adults who are interested in participating as Managers, coaches, or umpires may contact the recreation office at 753-3097 for details.

Clinton elects NAACP litigator

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Law School," but he chose to work for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. During the three years Patrick was with LDF, said Reno said, he "developed expertise and experience as a litigator. . . and distinguished himself as a person," and the added, his "commitment to public service and civil rights has continued."

Patrick left LDF to join the prestigious Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow, where he is a partner and—according to a statement issued by The White House—has devoted 30 percent of his cases, pro bono, to "community projects."

As his wife Diane Benson Patrick, also an attorney, and two daughters looked on, the nominee spoke to the media. He handled it with great ease and a sense of humor. Not tall man, Patrick, jokingly said, after stepping up to the microphone, that he couldn't see over the high podium. He adjusted himself and read effortlessly from a prepared statement: "I am deeply honored by the expression of confidence which this nomination represents. But more than that, Patrick continued, "I am humbled. . . because I know that I am standing here on the shoulders of so many women and men who have reached out to me in so many ways over the years. . . more

than that, on the shoulders of those courageous advocates of every type and kind who have had the guts to stand up in some court, somewhere, and give the Constitution life. I pledge to be true to that legacy. . ."

In response to criticism by certain opponents who have labeled Patrick a "Stealth Guinier," President Clinton said firmly: ". . . this nomination may be about those groups and whether they're proceeding in good faith. . . (they have) said. . . 'We don't object to Lani Guinier's career as a lawyer, we just don't agree with her writings about future remedies. . . When they say "Stealth Guinier," what they mean is that both these people have distinguished legal careers in trying to enforce the civil rights laws of the country. I hope Mr. Patrick would plead guilty to that."

"A lot of those people (conservative opponents) are going to be exposed because they never believed in equal opportunity; they never lifted a finger to give anybody of a minority race a chance in this country. . . If they attack his record, it means. . . what we suspected all along. . . they don't give a rat's tail about civil rights," President Clinton asserted.

chapters conducting a Radiothon for February 12th, the NAACP hopes to increase its membership by at least ten percent.

"Although each branch negotiates with a local radio station to serve as the host station, the American Urban Radio Network has agreed to broadcast a three hour segment from 4:30-7:00 p.m. from New York City and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 12th, and we are pleased to have their support," said Jondelle Johnson, National Radiothon Director.

"This membership drive is especially important to the association this year, because it serves as a kickoff for a worldwide search for our one millionth member," said Isazetta Spikes, NAACP National Membership Director.

Throughout the year, Jondelle Johnson has been working to secure taped messages from celebrities to be aired during segments of the Radiothon. To date, celebrity participants include: Maya Angelou, Shirley Caesar, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Kim Coles, Ossie Davis, Earle, Wind, and Fire, Dr. William F. Gibson, Isaac Hayes, Quincy Jones, Martin Lawrence, Otis & Juanita Nixon, Leontyne Price, Donnie Simpson, Sinbad, Will Smith, Raven Symone, Nancy Wilson and Andrew Young.

The national segment to be aired

on the American Urban Radio Network will be cohosted by actress, Arnetia Walker from "The Nurses," and Elliott Frances from "Ebony Showcase." During the broadcast, listeners will be encouraged to call a number to pledge their memberships.

The membership costs range from \$3/year for youth to \$50/one-time cost for a life membership.

To celebrate the 85th anniversary of the NAACP, more than 25 billboard companies have donated 1,250 billboards to the NAACP in 160 cities. The billboard is adorned with kente cloth borders with a kente wrap around an NAACP membership card. The billboard reads: "Happy 85th Birthday Give The Gift That Preserves Your Rights! Give a NAACP Membership." List-

ed at the bottom of the billboard is the announcement about the National Membership Radiothon date with a toll-free number to call to join the association. (See accompanying photo of billboard).

The Radiothon is only the beginning of a yearlong birthday celebration for the NAACP which has seen a 20% increase in membership since Dr. Benjamin Chavis was named Executive Director last April. Throughout the year many other programs and initiatives will be sponsored to increase membership and advance the cause of civil rights in communities throughout the country and around the world. For more information on the Radiothon, or other NAACP initiatives, call your local branch.

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